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Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE TARIFF BILL.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—There has been a good deal of conference among Senators and Representatives during the last three or four days on the Tariff bill. Two or three members of the Finance Committee of the Senate, in speaking of matters, said it would be wholly impossible for that committee to consider the bill unless the session of Congress continues three or four months longer. They made mention of the fact that the Ways and Means Committee spent several months in its preparation, and that the House has now spent over two months in its consideration, and argued that it would be grossly unfair to expect the Finance Committee to examine it and report in less than a month at least. The opinion of these gentlemen is that the House ought to pass up the bill at once.

THE OSAGE LAND BILL.

When Senator Morrill, of Maine, in his speech on the Osage Land bill, read a telegram from Mr. Brunot to show that the railroad men had begun grading on the Osage lands, Senator Pomeroy replied, but now it now seems that he was quibbling on the term Osage. It seems that the Neosho Valley Road, in which Pomeroy's friends had large interest, had skipped one reservation and started in the Indian country, as explained by the following despatch, received from Mr. Joy, a few days ago, by the Cherokee Agent now here:

DETROIT, Mich., May 3.

To Agent Cook, Agent:

Is it the present authorities that Parson's Railroad Company are at work grading ten miles in the Indian country, as I am informed, and expect to have the cars running to Humboldt before July? If they are in that, of course we shall have to fight them in the courts, and that will be shortly. (Signed) J. F. JOY.

THE CHEROKEE INTRUDED INVESTIGATION.

The official figures of General Bullock, Chief Engineer of the Cherokee Nation, which were submitted to the Investigating Committee, shows the following expenditure: For council-house, \$1,000; agencies of the Government, \$1,000; salaries, \$10,000; national schools, \$20,000; orphan asylum, \$10,000; asylum for the deaf and dumb, \$10,000; asylum for the blind, \$10,000; female seminary, \$20,000; national prison, \$10,000; for normal schools and universities throughout the Nation, the Tarvant University received \$250,000, and Barry farm, as far as completed, \$17,000. Of the proceeds of this last enterprise one-half is said to went in the Howard University special order. This last fund was controlled by General Howard, and Senator Pomeroy as chairman of the Indian committee of the Senate, \$20,000 retained beauty fund used for church and other private purposes, was so expended nine months subsequent to the passage of the act directing its investment in United States securities. General Howard testified that he had never controlled, attempted to fix the responsibility for the peculiar asset contra. I at his barracks upon some of his officers, but the persons thus charged have appeared before the committee with written orders from Charles Howard on the subject. Those show the following amounts to be paid: \$2,000 per 100 bushels was set aside and another made of \$7.75 for hauling from the sand-pit on the university lots leased to the block company, the university to receive in addition \$3.50 per hundred hauling. What the university received for the sand of sand was hauled out to them and paid for, and subsequently sold for \$12. The same witness testified that he had been ordered to give up an old rectangular contract for hardware, in order to buy of one of the members of the Berry farm, to whom large amounts were paid for the same. Receipts were endorsed on the hand's note as backgarters, and other articles of personal apparel.

THE OSAGE LAND BILL.

The question of moving the capital from Washington will indirectly come up in the Senate tomorrow or next day, on a motion by the Chairman of the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds to add to the General Appropriation bill a section providing for the removal of the Capital to the Missouri grounds. This measure, in one form or another, has two or three times passed one branch of Congress, once notably on the support of Senator Fessenden. Everybody concedes that if the capital is to be removed, the grounds ought to be selected, though there is a difference of opinion as to whether the necessary appropriations should be made now or next winter.

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.

It is understood that Senator Morgan will oppose the proposed amendment. Quite a number of Republican members were to-day considering the policy of opposing or offering to defeat the Northern Pacific Railroad bill by filibustering. They give notice that the friends of the bill will not allow any general debate, but will insist that amendments to be offered, and, particularly, that they were resolved to defeat the passage of any private bill for the sale of the lands granted to some sections. These members assert that the wrote thing is part of a combination of interests to force this and similar measures through the House in the same way, and without all the consideration. They feel justified in compelling its friends, by filibustering motions, to yield for amendments.

THE CHEROKEE TELEGRAM.

General Washburn says his committee will be ready to report on the subject of postal telegraph the week after next. He added, however, that the report next week, unless the House gives extra time to Lieutenant Maury's committee on the Shipping interest. What sort of a bill Mr. Washburn will bring in cannot yet be said, as the matter has not been fully considered by the committee. It is quite evident, however, of getting something through the House, but whether it can be carried in the Senate is doubtful.

THE HUTCHINSON TOMKINS CLAIM.

Colonel Hutchinson, of Yosemite Valley, left for home to-day. He has fully exploited his views and claims to members of Congress, and departed in the confident belief that Congress will not refuse to do him justice. The bill confirming his title to the land in the valley is nearly reached for some time.

THE RIVER AND HARBOR BILL.

The House Committee on Appropriations will take no action on the River and Harbor bill until the Committee on Commerce, which is now preparing a recommendation, reports its measure, when Mr. Dawes will ask to have it referred to his committee.

FEMALE CENSUS TAKERS.

In view of the decision of General Walker, Superintendent of the Census, that women cannot be appointed census takers under the present law, Lawrence, of Ohio, has prepared a bill providing that all competent persons, without regard to sex, shall be eligible to be appointed and to act as assistant Marshals, and to perform all duties authorized by the census agents.

[To the Associated Press.]

NOMINATIONS.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The President has nominated Chas. Asher for Postmaster at Bowling Green, Ky.

THE GEORGIA BILL.

General Butler is being returned, the Reconstruction Committee will to-morrow consider the Georgia bill and probably report it.

THE DOMINICAN TREATY.

The friends of the Dominican treaty think no vote can now be obtained in the Senate for the present.

CUBA.

The government has not recently received any official information concerning events in Cuba, and is therefore unable to further the belief of a change in the Spanish policy.

THE PRESIDENT.

The President has approved the bill allowing those elected to office in Texas three days more than the time prescribed by the act admitting the State to representation in Congress.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Caucus of about twenty Republican Representatives resolved to continue opposition to the Southern Pacific Railroad bill until the Friday set apart for discussion and amendment.

AGRICULTURAL REPORT.

The April report of the Department of Agriculture will show a general improvement, above a small poor growth, but especially of good color, and in most cases better than the average of a general crop.

EXPORTS FOR EIGHT MONTHS.

The exports of specie, exhibiting fine goods, during the first eight months of the fiscal year was \$21,000,000.

FAME IN A CHURCH.

Just eight a column supporting the gallery of Colored Baptist Church, on Third street, was causing the gallery to sway about a foot, congregation to get out of the building, and people from the first and second-story windows, who were taken down by ladders, to get excited; and a thief had a fleet brained, and several pockets were picked.

THE TREASURY ABSORPTION.

Mr. Horton reported until to-morrow. A vote was promised, but the understanding was that no legislation should be enacted until Tuesday.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.

The Senate Pacific Railroad Committee have received a report from the French engineers of Memphis & Little Rock Railroad, who now report the bridge and embankments in the road, in which battle operations have been carried on, above the Government, and the whole scheme as a first-class road, and recommending to congress to put them by proper legislation.

THE SENATE MILITARY COMMITTEE.

The Senate Military Committee has under consideration the bill to restore to the rank of Brigadier-General the name of Gen. Rufus Saxton, of Massachusetts, who was retired with the rank of Brigadier-General, but was subsequently restored to the rank of Brigadier-General, but was subsequently restored to the rank of Brigadier-General, but was subsequently restored to

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THE NEW ENGLAND CASE.

The most important event of the week is the prompt response of the people of the West, as well as the Eastern States, to the appeal of Connecticut. Governor Jewell's proclamation, calling upon the citizens of the Western States to contribute to the relief of the sufferers by the late fire in Hartford, has met with a most generous response. Subscriptions are coming in from all parts of the country, and the aggregate already reaches a very handsome sum. The people of Chicago, who have had a fire of their own, and who have been the recipients of the bounty of the whole country, will be glad to learn that the people of Connecticut are not unmindful of the favor, and that they are ready to return it in kind. The Governor of Connecticut has appointed Mr. Allen Chatfield, of Hartford, to receive and forward contributions in this city. Mr. Chatfield arrived here on Saturday, and has already established himself at the Sherman House, where he will be found during the day. Contributions may be sent to him at that place, or to the Relief Committee, at the Tribune office. Let the people of Chicago show that they are not unmindful of the favor, and that they are ready to return it in kind.

The Democratic Convention of Illinois will be held at Springfield on the 27th inst., and the Democratic State Committee have issued a call for a meeting of the Committee at the Leland Hotel, in that city, on the 25th inst., to make the necessary arrangements for the Convention. The Democracy of this State are in a very unsatisfactory condition. They have been defeated in every contest for the past two years, and the prospect for the future is not at all encouraging. They will have a formidable enemy to contend with in the Liberal Republicans, and unless the latter can be induced to support the Democratic ticket, the chances of success are very slim indeed. The Democracy of Illinois have been in the habit of nominating a ticket and platform, and then leaving the Liberal Republicans to take it or leave it. The latter have generally taken it, and elected it. This year they will probably refuse to do so, and will nominate a ticket and platform of their own. In that event, the Democracy will be left in a hopeless minority, and will be compelled to submit to another defeat. The Democracy of Illinois have been in the habit of nominating a ticket and platform, and then leaving the Liberal Republicans to take it or leave it. The latter have generally taken it, and elected it. This year they will probably refuse to do so, and will nominate a ticket and platform of their own. In that event, the Democracy will be left in a hopeless minority, and will be compelled to submit to another defeat.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Present Condition of the State.

The Criminal Laws of the Past.

The Governor's Recommendations on the Plea of Insanity.

The Governor's Case.

[FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.]

JACKSON, Miss., April 30.

To the outside world matters in Mississippi are not being regarded in a terribly demoralized condition. Nor can they be said to be much better, in fact, than the evidence would indicate to-day. But things properly considered, however, and they are not worse; and, in fact, are far better than might have been reasonably expected. Take the oldest and best regulated communities in the land, and of course there, abroad, as well as all courts for enforcement of law, and also would not stand repulsed on the record? Add to this the terrible demoralized condition of the body politic following upon the basis of a mighty revolution, and with the literal ruin of all government, save the bayonet of the conquerer, has done little to ameliorate, and you can imagine something of the actual status of affairs in Mississippi.

That matters are not far worse even than is apparent to the eye, is simply owing to the fact that the spirit of strife and contention, indulged in so last has been by the strong hand of military power, and constantly fanned to fever heat, has literally fed upon itself until there is no gratifying it further. Perhaps, rather than from other wholesome restraint imposed by the enforcement of law, from the fact that the negro is decidedly quiet and conservative. To be sure, many terrible outrages have been reported, and that, too, of late, have occurred in Mississippi. Taken on the whole, however, proportionate as it may at first glance appear, I am confident there are many neighborhoods where committed here to-day than in any of the older and better regulated communities, taking the pro rata of population. At the same time we must in all candor say, far from owing to any superior morality to be found among the people.

But all this and still cry which has been made about being deprived of civil law, probably nowhere in America has there been in the same line of respect for the same than in Mississippi. As words, according to Talleyrand, were given us with which to conceal our thoughts, so have law seems to have been conferred upon us that the reality. The people, rather than from otherwise, have

THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The Gas Question Again--Appraisement of School Lands.

Estimates for the Ensuing Year--Boards of Public Works and Fire and Police.

Election of School Inspectors Postponed--Sewerage Loan Bonds--Pumps to be Stocked--Hook Blocks.

The Common Council held a regular meeting last evening, President Cleaveland in the chair. The following Aldermen were present: Ald. Cox, Jones, Donnelly, Dixon, Hoin, Montgomery, Cullerton, Meany, Dagar, Whitaker, Bisbee, Throop, Gregory, Hildreth, Powell (W. S.), Powell (Charles), Hildreth, Rowell, Wetherell, Wood, Ald. Mueller, Rehm, Tyrrell, Schlick, Bonfield, Conway